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For: NEW METHODS OF FABRICATING DEVICES AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
LAYERS COMPRISING CADMIUM MERCURY TELLURIDE, MERCURY  
TELLURIDE, AND CADMIUM TELLURIDE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding  
paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs  
showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, please insert as a separate paragraph:

This application is the US national phase of international application  
PCT/GB00/03249 filed 22 August 2000, which designated the US.